the State Government. Another proposal was received from the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. for an integrated fruit and vegetable on cessing project which, interalia, envisaged setting up of one fruit and vegetable processing unit at Madanappally in Chittor District. Certain clarifications and documents have been asked for by this Ministry from this Corporation, reply is still awaited.

Announcement of Result of Grade 'C' Stenographers

4775. SHRI AJIT ANANTRAO PAWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether written test for Grade 'C' Stenographers Examination, 1989 was held by Staff Selection Commission on July, 22, 1990 and subsequently stenography speed test conducted in April, 1991;

(b) whether the result of the said examination has not been declared so far;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor for this inordinate delay;

(d) whether due to delay in announcement of the result the career of thousands of candidates have been affected; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to announce the result at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes Sir. The Written Test was conducted on 22nd July, 1990 and the Stenography Test during April and May, 1991.

(b) The final result has been declared on 26th August, 1991.

(c) to (e). De not arise.

Procedure for Selection for Candidates

4776. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 3078 on August, 14, 1991 and state:

(a) the salient features of the procedure adopted by the Union Public Service Commission in selecting candidates on the basis of their peformance in the Civil Services (Preliminary) Examinations; and

(b) whether any steps have been taken by the Commission to ensure parity between the standards of the question papers of the different optional subjects and also to ensure that candidates of any particular subject (s), in particular, are not disadvantaged relative to others?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Information is given in the attached statement.

(b) Adequate steps are taken by the Union Public Service Commission to ensure parity between the standards of question papers of different optional subject and also to ensure that candidates choosing any particular subject are neither put to disadvantage nor do they derive any undue advantage relative to others.

STATEMENT

The Civil Services (Preliminary) Examination consists of the following two papers--

Paper I General Studies carrying a maximum of 150 marks.

Paper II AN optional subject to be selected by the candidates out of the 22

optional subjects prescribed. This paper carries a maximum of 300 marks.

Both the question papers are of objective type multiple choice questions. The results of the examination are finalised on the basis of the aggregate marks obtained by the candidates in the two papers.

2. The Preliminary Examination is meant to serve as a screening test only; the marks obtained by the candidates declared successful for admission to the Main Examination, are not taken into account for determining their final order of merit. The number of candidates declared successful for admission to the Main Examination is generally equal to 12 to 13 times of the approximate number of vacancies available for recruitment in each year.

Delicensing of Motor Industry

4777. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the car manufacturers have scuttled moved to delicensing the motor industry;

(b) if so, the details therof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P.J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*Translation*]

Modernising of Old Industries

4778. SHRIMATI RITA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken to modernise the old important industries of Bihar like Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons, therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). The modernisation of old industries is a continuing process and is dependent on the availability of funds etc. The modernisation of Heavy Engineering Corporation is being done with addition of vital balancing equipments for manufacturing of value added products. Government had provided Rs. 61 crores in the 7th Plan for modernisation of Heavy Engineering Corporation. Further, in 1990-91 an amount of Rs. 18 crores was provided. In 1991-92, a provision for Rs. 10 cores has been made in the budget.

There is a proposal for installation of a captive power plant at Sindri Unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. at a cost of Rs. 142.64 crores. Also there is a proposal to revamp the Barauni Unit of Hindustan the life of the plant for the next few years and increase its capacity utilisation. In the case of Bokaro Steel Plant a modernisation-cum-expansion scheme to switch entirely to the continuous casting process, modernising the hot strip mill and further expansion of the capacity is on the anvil.

(c) Does not arise.

Renewal of Licences

4779. SHRI KALKA DASS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether issue of licences for the factories in Anand Parbat (Karol Bagh, Delhi) has been suspended;